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THE UPPER TRACT.

Upper Pocahontas is the Scene of Great Industrial Activity.

What Loup Creek is to the coal industry, the West Fork of Green River is to lumber. The O. & I. railway opened up one of the finest timber sections in the State and what was once one of the wildest and most impenetrable wildernesses is now a scene of great activity.

This section was first surveyed in 1794 when Richard Smythe had large surveys made of the country on the waters of Cheat and Greenbrier. Henry Phillips came in and located a small patch of 41,000 acres also.

These men seemed to know a good thing when they saw it but they were about a hundred years ahead of time. They seemed to have gotten tired of paying taxes and for a long time no one claimed the territory, but about 1840 the school commission went for it for the benefit of the literary fund of Virginia, and dividing it into smaller parcels sold it at public auction at the rate of about half a cent an acre. All the titles above Durbin are based on these tax sales.

As time went on the lands became more and more desirable until in the eighties Uriah Hevener made what was considered a most remarkable sale of about 11,000 acres at three dollars an acre.

Up to 1897 the highest price which had been paid for lands there was \$8.50 an acre and that but for one tract which occupied an advantageous position in relation to some larger tracts of land. About three dollars an acre was considered a fair price for the lands according to the depositions of a number of citizens of this county in 1898. Since then the railroad put these acres up by leaps and bounds and the prices now range from \$25 to \$40 an acre.

The great value is in the spruce and hemlock but on the ridges are found patches of hardwood such as sugar, birch, beech, ash and cherry.

The good timber begins at the Randolph and Pocahontas line at the summit. In coming towards Pocahontas the first industry is Moore & Lawton at Oxley, then the Wildell Lumber Co., at Wildell, F. S. Wise & Company at Gertrude, Hoover Brothers at Kelly, Pocahontas Lumber Co. at Burner, W. S. Taylor at Braucher, B. F. McMichael at Fill Run, and several other plants on the 16 miles the names of which we do not know.

Elkins gets more benefits from this region of big saw mills than Marlinton in spite of the fact that it is in Pocahontas county.

The region has been claimed by Randolph, Pendleton and Pocahontas and land titles taken out in each county. It finally fell to Pocahontas after a few flat fights between Randolph and Pocahontas representatives, which events were pulled off in the primeval forests. The result of the commission may be found recorded in Pocahontas but Randolph county has never sullied a pure white page with the iniquitous proceedings.

Durbin will be the big town of upper Pocahontas. It is 40 miles from Marlinton and 47 from Elkins. It is the southern terminal of the Wabash system in West Virginia, and there is a rumor that the railway shops are to be located here. The town started to grow at the fording of the West Fork, where one of the battles of the Civil War was fought, but the spot being located on the East Fork, the town is being located nearly a mile east of the first site. In old Durbin on the Far Branch the houses were of temporary character but the buildings around the depot are of substantial appearance. Still farther up the East Fork the Pocahontas Tanning Company is building its big plant. It is said to have the same capacity of the big tannery at Marlinton. They are not built on the same plans by any means

and the style of architecture is so different it is hard to compare them. At Durbin there is one building 60x1000 feet which will be filled with vats, and the other buildings will be a correspondingly large scale. A long row of dwelling houses is situated on the Stanton and Parkersburg turnpike. The site of the tannery is at the old Slavin House, where Henry Clay used to come to hunt. Abraham Lincoln has also passed along the road here in the days of the stage coach. As we walked up to the tannery and stopped to take a drink of water at the spring we could almost see Henry Clay at the same place with a bottle of his favorite mixture regaling himself after a long tramp through the woods.

We passed on to Bartow, the terminal of the Greenbrier Division, and saw Mr. John Andrew Moore, in charge of a well-kept station of the O. & O. Railway. We remembered the time when we used to wagon with him to Millboro, and when S. L. Talley, the agent, who used to turn over the goods to fill our wagons, represented all that was great and good. To either of us a place of that kind was beyond our wildest dreams. This has not been so long ago, but one of us, at least, is a railway agent and fills wagons with all the plom that distinguished Talley in the old days.

While there two hunters came in with two carcasses of deer which they had killed on the East Branch and which they were taking home with them to Charleston.

There is no prettier valley than that which lies the three miles between Durbin and Bartow or Travelers Rest as we used to know it. It is sure to be an important industrial section the nucleus of which will be the tannery and the depot.

Order of Publication.

State of West Virginia, Pocahontas County: At rules held in the clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County on the first Monday in the month of December, 1904.

W. C. Shesley, Plaintiff, vs. B. F. McMichael, R. G. Stoffel, Pocahontas Tanning Company, a corporation, Security Trust Company of Wheeling, a corporation, Defendants.

The object of this suit is to attach the estate of the defendant, B. F. McMichael, which may be found within the jurisdiction of this court, sufficient to satisfy the claim of the plaintiff, now amounting to \$3000.00 and interest, and the costs of this suit.

This day came the plaintiff by his attorney and on his motion, and it appearing by affidavit filed that the defendant, B. F. McMichael, is a non-resident of this State, it is ordered that he do appear within one month after the first publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit.

Teste: J. H. Patterson, Clerk. Andrew Price, Sol.

NOTICE TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS.

To B. F. McMichael: Take notice that on the 3rd day of January, A. D. 1905, between the hours of 8 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. at the law office of Andrew Price, in the town of Marlinton, Pocahontas county, West Virginia, I will take the depositions of myself and others, to be read as evidence in my behalf, in a certain suit now pending in the Circuit Court of the County of Pocahontas and State of West Virginia, in which W. C. Shesley is plaintiff and B. F. McMichael and others are defendants.

If from any cause the taking of said depositions shall not be commenced or completed on the day aforesaid, the same shall be continued from day to day, or from time to time, at the same place and between the same hours, until the same shall be completed.

W. C. Shesley, By Counsel. Andrew Price, Sol.

MEAT MARKET IN EAST CASS

A meat Market will be opened in East Cass on Friday, Oct. 21, 1904. Meat of all kinds guaranteed to be as good as was ever sold in Pocahontas county.

Prices of best steak, Pork and Sausage, 10 Cts. Per pound. Come in and give me a trial. Respectfully, R. H. BAILEY.

Commissioner's Sale. Pursuant to two decrees of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, entered in the Chancery cause of Amos Barlow vs. C. E. Curry and others at the April Term 1904, and the October term 1904 respectively the undersigned special commissioners will on

MONDAY, JANUARY, 9, 1905, at the front door of the court house of said county, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder the following lands situated in said county:

A lot in the village of Frost containing one acre being the same land conveyed to the defendant C. E. Curry by Maggie E. and Robert A. Buzzard by deed dated May 18, 1902.

93 acres near Frost being the same land conveyed to C. E. Curry by Andrew McCarty by deed dated May 1, 1897. This land is partly improved.

The following adjoining tracts of land comprising 84 1/2 acres of land will be offered separately and then as a whole, the bid being accepted which will be most advantageous to the parties concerned.

Two tracts, one of one acre and one of half an acre, being the land conveyed to Martha S. Curry by T. R. Kellison by deed of September 4, 1889.

A tract of ten acres conveyed to said Martha S. Curry by Abraham Sharp by deed dated March 4, 1890. One tract of 63 acres was conveyed to said Martha S. Curry by C. W. Rider by deed dated Nov. 14, 1890.

One tract of nine and three fourths acres conveyed to said Martha S. Curry by N. C. McNeil special commissioner.

The whole tract is situated near Frost and comprises a valuable farm with all necessary improvements.

The one acre conveyed to Ida M. Dreppard is excepted from this sale.

Terms of Sale:—So much cash in hand as will pay costs of suit and expenses of sale and the residue upon a credit of six and twelve months in equal installments the purchaser executing bonds for the deferred payments with good personal security, and the title to be retained as ultimate security.

L. M. McClintic, H. S. Rucker, Special Commissioners.

I, J. H. Patterson, clerk of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas county, West Virginia do hereby certify that the above named special commissioners have executed bonds as required by said decree. J. H. Patterson, Clerk.

Notice.

Farm for Sale—One million feet or over of red oak and chestnut saw timber. Will sell with or without land. Any one wanting timber will do well to call on or address J. M. KINNECK, Marlinton, W. Va.

The water supply is very low and may delay the starting of the tannery.

BIG AUCTION SALE OF FINE JEWELRY,

At Cass, Wednesday and Wednesday night, Dec. 28th.

At Durbin, Thursday and Thursday night, Dec. 29.

At Green Bank Monday Dec. 26 for the X'mas tree.

This is what remains of the I. L. Sander stock of Jewelry and will be sacrificed regardless of cost in order to close out.

W. A. BRATTON, Adm'r. of I. L. Sander dec'd. Swecker, Auctioneer.

DECEMBER SLAUGHTER SALE AT MYLES' BARGAIN STORE

In order to close out and reduce certain lines by the first of January we shall offer from now on, a large stock of ready made clothing, for men, youths and children. Ladies and children's jackets, capes, skirts, wrappers, furs, rugs, buggy robes, matting, oil carpets, linoleum jute, ingrain and Brussels carpets, bedsteads, fine all hair mattresses and a great many other goods at Slaughter Prices, for either cash or produce.

We have a nice display of Christmas Goods and can save you money.

We have bargains to offer you in Ladies and Childrens writing desks, furniture pictures and picture frames, books, watches, clocks, jewelry, A. A. Cutter shoes, Riches & Pool Bros., underwear, top shirts and hosiery, stoves, saddles harness, etc.

Turkeys and all kinds of produce wanted at top prices. Yours for Business,

S. F. MYLES, Falling Springs, W. Va.

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Gives a training that turns unused talents into a money making power. Does it quickly, thoroughly, cheaply. Full and complete courses in BOOK-KEEPING, PENMANSHIP, TELEGRAPHY, SHORTHAND and TYPE-WRITING. \$10 pays tuition, board and recitation rooms. Modern and convenient furniture. The M. S. B. C. has a reputation and its graduates are sought after by business men everywhere. Now is the best time to begin a course. No vacation. Individual instruction. Our new Art Catalogue can be had for the asking. Address: A. G. BIRD, President, PARKERSBURG, W. VA.

A SUGGESTION

Or Two in Regard to Christmas Presents for your Gentleman Friend, Husband and Brother.

We know all about the difficulty experienced in buying something seasonable and appropriate for a Christmas Present, and we have displayed at our store a line of articles selected with the idea of making easy the ever pleasant task of selecting a remembrance for a friend.

Any old thing is appreciated at this season of Peace and Good Will but a common sense gift will be held in equally as high esteem and be a great deal more useful.

Your Attention

is directed to our Smoking Jackets, Slippers, Suspenders, Neck Wear, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Leather Goods, Cutlery, Smoking Sets, Military Brushes and Fountain Pens.

HIGH GRADE, TASTEFUL, USEFUL, APPROPRIATE OUR GUARANTEE

You have our Guarantee that not one of these articles will share the fate that has befallen so many a Christmas Present—the forgotten corner of some dresser, just because the recipient could not exactly figure out what it was for, anyhow.

In buying we tried to be in full accord with the utilitarian spirit of the age, and hope we have some thing useful as well as ornamental to sell you.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas, we are

Yours Respectfully,

Wallace, King & Company, Cunningham Building, Marlinton, W. Va.

HEADQUARTERS FOR Santa Claus!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR EVERYBODY

As Usual

We show this year again the

LARGEST LINE

of Christmas Goods in the county

A glance through our vast assortment of

HOLIDAY GOODS

confirm our statement. We show

Hundreds of Different Holiday Gifts for

LADIES,

GENTLEMEN

AND

CHILDREN,

At prices that will please the most economical patrons.



For Little Girls and Boys

The Best Place To Buy Toys Is At THE POCAHONTAS BARGAIN HOUSE.

We show Iron Toys, Roam Toys, Mechanical toys, wagons, carts, horns, sad irons, boats, spades, chimes, pistols, guns, pop guns, drums, pianos, trunks, hoops, watches, banks, dominoes, rubber toys, rubber dolls, dressed dolls, from 5 cents up to \$10 each, tea sets, cups and saucers, carriages, hobby horses and hundreds of other articles too numerous to mention.

FOR YOUNG AND OLD THE BEST GIFTS SOLD

IS AT THE POCAHONTAS BARGAIN HOUSE.

We have Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Shaving Sets, Shell Boxes, Cuff and Collar Boxes, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Cigar Cases, Albums, Combs and Brushes, Vases, Mugs, Mustache Cups, Berry Berry Sets, 50-piece Tea Sets, 100-piece Dinner Sets, Furs and Fur Sets, Rugs, Linen Towels, Table Cloths, Napkins, Chenille Table Covers, Zephyr Shawls, Silk Shawls, Silk Handkerchiefs, Silk Mufflers, Kid Gloves, High Grade Parasols, Nice Neck Ties, Silverware Jewelry, and hundreds of other useful presents, which, owing to limited space we cannot name them.

FREE! FREE! FREE!

In addition to the Low Prices at which we will sell our X'mas Goods, we will absolutely give away an Imported Life Size \$15 French Dressed Doll

On Saturday December 24th, at 11 p. m. Here is the way you can get the Doll without costing you one cent. From now until December 24th we will, with every one dollar cash purchase, give you a chance to draw the Doll. The Doll is on exhibition in one of our windows and is worth to be seen, it is worth to be seen, it is the largest, finest and most beautiful doll ever seen in this section of the country. Come now and try your luck, don't wait for the last days before X'mas to buy your X'mas needs, come now, pick out anything you wish and have it put away for you until X'mas; by so doing you will avoid the rush and get the first selection of the many good things.

THE POCAHONTAS BARGAIN HOUSE.